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MEETING OF THE

LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

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November 2014

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Daigle, Leslie
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Finlay, Margaret
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Nelson, Shawn
Pettis, Greg
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District 32
District 15
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LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA NOVEMBER 18, 2014

The Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as information or action items.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

(Hon. Pam O'Connor, Chair)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a Public Comment Card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker provided that the Chair has the discretion to reduce this time limit based upon the number of speakers. The Chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

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6. Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs Update	Oral Update
<i>(Darin Chidsey, Director of SP&PA)</i>	

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any Committee member or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such a request.

**LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS &
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
AGENDA
NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee is scheduled for 8:30 AM, Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

**LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**August 19, 2014
Minutes**

The Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee held its August 19, 2014 meeting at SCAG's downtown Los Angeles Office.

Members Present

Hon. Bruce Barrows, District 23
Hon. Glen Becerra, District 46 (**Teleconference**)
Hon. Margaret Clark, District 32
Hon. Gene Daniels, District 24
Hon. Margaret Finlay, District 35 (**Teleconference**)
Hon. Judy Mitchell, District 40 – (**Videoconference**)
Hon. Kris Murray, District 19 – (**Teleconference**)
Hon. Shawn Nelson, Orange County (**Teleconference**)
Hon. Pam O'Connor, District 41 (**Teleconference**)
Hon. Greg Pettis, District 2
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, District 1 (**Teleconference**)
Hon. Alan Wapner, SANBAG (**Teleconference**)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Greg Pettis at approximately 8:30 a.m. There was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments presented.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee recommended that Information Item No. 5, Water Bond Update, be heard as an Action Item.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of May 20, 2014 Meeting

Hon. Margaret Clark noted that she attended the meeting at the Los Angeles office rather than by teleconference as stated in the minutes. With this amendment, a MOTION was made (Daniels) to approve the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was SECONDED (Clark) and APPROVED by a majority vote. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

AYES: Becerra, Clark, Daniels, Finlay, Murray, Nelson, O'Connor, Pettis, Viegas-Walker, Wapner

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NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION ITEMS

2. SCAG Sponsorships

Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs, provided a brief overview of the two (2) sponsorships for the Committee's consideration.

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve the 2014 AltCar Expo & Conference (\$5,000) and the 2014 Southern California Energy Summit (\$5,000). The MOTION was SECONDED (O'Connor) and APPROVED by a majority vote. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

AYES: Becerra, Clark, Daniels, Finlay, Murray, Nelson, O'Connor, Pettis, Viegas-Walker, Wapner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. SB 498 (Lara): Solid Waste: Biomass Conversion – SUPPORT

Jeff Dunn, Legislative Analyst, provided a brief overview of SB 498 and stated that staff recommends a support position on this bill. Mr. Dunn noted that the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works made a presentation at the August 7, 2014 meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee, and supports the conversion of biomass materials to renewable energy, and specifically SB 498.

A MOTION was made (Clark) to support SB 498 (Lara). The MOTION was SECONDED (Daniels) and APPROVED by a majority vote. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

AYES: Becerra, Clark, Daniels, Finlay, O'Connor, Pettis, Viegas-Walker, Wapner

NOES: Nelson

ABSTAIN: None

5. Water Bond Update

Jeff Dunn, Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the activities related to the replacement of the existing water bond on the November 4, 2014 general election ballot. Mr. Dunn noted that the alternative proposal would address the needs of California's water infrastructure while

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recognizing the fiscal constraints of the state's overall budgetary and economic condition. Mr. Dunn stated that staff recommends a support position on this alternative water bond proposal.

A MOTION was made (Daniels) to support an alternative water bond proposal. The MOTION was SECONDED (Clark) and APPROVED by a majority vote. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

AYES: Barrows, Becerra, Clark, Daniels, Finlay, Murray, O'Connor, Pettis, Viegas-Walker, Wapner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Title VI – LEP

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, provided an overview of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance. Ms. Africa noted that as a direct recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds, SCAG is subject to Title VI and must demonstrate its compliance with the Department of Transportation's Title VI requirements, as well as submit a Title VI compliance report to the FTA every three years. Ms. Africa further stated that staff is currently in the process of updating its Title VI Program, which will be presented to the Regional Council for approval on September 11, 2014. She noted that this report is intended to provide the LCMC with information about one important component of SCAG's Title VI Program, namely its Limited English Proficiency (LEP) plan and related Language Assistance Program, which SCAG staff has updated to be more effective and provide more accessibility to LEP populations in the SCAG region.

6. Summary of Select State Legislative Bills

Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs, provided a summary of select state legislative bills, which have positions adopted by the Regional Council and are moving through the legislative process.

7. Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs Update

Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs, stated that the September 16, 2014 meeting of the LCMC may be cancelled. Mr. Chidsey will confer with the Chair, Hon. Pam O'Connor, and notify the committee when a decision has been made.

8. California Legislative Matrix

The Matrix has been updated for the Committee's reference.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements presented.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:25 AM. The next regular meeting of the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee is scheduled for 8:30 am – 10:00 am, Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

Reviewed by:



Darin Chidsey
Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**October 21, 2014
Minutes**

Chair, Hon. Pam O'Connor, announced that the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC) did not obtain a quorum for this meeting. In accordance with the Brown Act, the LCMC met only for the purpose of hearing items of information. Items requiring action were not heard.

Members Present

Hon. Glen Becerra, District 46 (Teleconference)
Hon. Gene Daniels, District 24
Hon. Margaret Finlay, District 35 (Teleconference)
Hon. Michele Martinez, District 16 (Teleconference)
Hon. Kris Murray, District 19 – (Teleconference)
Hon. Pam O'Connor, District 41
Hon. Greg Pettis, District 2 (Teleconference)
Hon. Alan Wapner, SANBAG (Teleconference)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Hon. Pam O'Connor, noted that as there was not a quorum, only Information Items would be heard.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments presented.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

The Consent Calendar and Action Items were set aside and will be heard at the next meeting of the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee on November 18, 2014.

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. End-of-Session Legislative Report

Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs, summarized the end-of-session actions taken by the Governor and the State Legislature. Mr. Chidsey noted that these bills were previously reported and/or acted upon by the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee and the Regional Council.

4. Federal Freight Legislation

Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs, provided a summary of the Federal Freight Legislation. Mr. Chidsey stated that his staff will continue to monitor this legislation for any movement or updates in this Congressional session.

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5. Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs Update

Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs, reported that Jeff Liu was promoted to the position of Manager of Communications effective October 20, 2014.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no agenda items presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the next regular meeting of the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee is scheduled for 8:30 a.m – 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

Reviewed by:



Darin Chidsey
Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs

REPORT

DATE: November 18, 2014

TO: Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC)

FROM: Darin Chidsey; Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs; (213) 236-1836;
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SUBJECT: SCAG Memberships

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC) is asked to approve up to \$45,000 in in FY 14-15 memberships for the 1) METRANS Transportation Center Associates Program (\$25,000); and 2) Southern California Leadership Council and the Center of Economic Development (\$20,000).

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan: Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; and Goal 2: Obtain Regional Transportation infrastructure Funding and Promote Legislative Solutions for Regional Planning Priorities.

BACKGROUND:

1. METRANS Transportation Center Associates Program (\$25,000)

The METRANS Transportation Center is one of the key transportation research, education, and outreach centers in the United States. With its focus on solving transportation problems of large metropolitan areas, it has used Southern California as a laboratory and developed methods to increase the efficiency and sustainability of the region's transportation systems. As a partnership of two of the largest universities in the region—University of Southern California (USC) and California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)—the Center trains the region's transportation professionals in engineering, urban planning, logistics, economics and public policy. Through conferences, workshops, and comprehensive media programs, METRANS serves as the regional focus for research dissemination and policy outreach. METRANS is a United States Department of Transportation-designated University Transportation Center.

The METRANS Associates Program provides the core support for METRANS. It serves as a model of collaboration between the University community, corporations, and government agencies who come together to study emerging trends and forecasts in goods movement and international trade, discuss relevant and timely developments in transportation policy, and share best practices in the field. METRANS Associates enjoy unparalleled access to USC and CSULB faculty and other policy experts and leaders in transportation. Additionally, METRANS Associates receive access to

exclusive educational opportunities and outreach programming that explore timely and relevant topics in transportation, and provide access to an elite network of professionals working in the field. METRANS Associates also have access to the intellectual capital provided by graduate students and faculty at USC and CSULB, who are available to assist with a variety of planning and analysis projects within transportation.

SCAG staff is recommending again a “Silver Partner” membership of \$25,000 on the METRANS Associates Program, which includes:

- Membership on the METRANS Advisory Board;
- Invitation to the Annual Transportation Policy Retreat;
- Invitation to quarterly transportation policy Fireside Chats with USC and CSULB faculty and other leading transportation experts;
- Half page feature in METRANS quarterly newsletter, METRANS News;
- Free registration at all METRANS/CSULB Center for International Trade and Transportation (CITT) events, including the National Urban Freight Conference;
- Recognition as METRANS Associate Silver Partner and Sponsor at all METRANS/CITT events, including the National Urban Freight Conference, Town Hall meetings, and the annual Seminar Series;
- Invitation to all VIP receptions held in conjunction with METRANS/CITT events; and
- Recognition on METRANS website and other communication materials.

SCAG has supported METRANS over the past several years by being a sponsor of the National Urban Freight Conference. With this enhanced partnership with METRANS, SCAG would no longer need to sponsor that event as its benefits, as well as registration, are included with the overall membership of the METRANS program. SCAG has written many letters of support on their behalf, which have contributed to their success in competing for state and federal research grants. In addition, METRANS has supported SCAG activities in the past, and a number of former interns at SCAG were from the METRANS Transportation Center.

2. Southern California Leadership Council and the Center of Economic Development (\$20,000)

Established in 2005, The Southern California Leadership Council is comprised of business and community leaders from throughout the 7 counties of Southern California, including four former California Governors. The Leadership Council funds, prioritizes, and approves the work of the Center of Economic Development (CED); which is a regional program of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC). As a program of the LAEDC, the CED benefits from related work of the LAEDC's acclaimed business assistance, economic research and consulting programs. The Center's work is funded, prioritized and approved by the Leadership Council to shape and solve public policy issues such as business vitality, resources (energy, water and environment), and transportation (goods and people) that are critical to SCAG and the region's economic vitality and quality of life. SCAG Executive Director SCAG Executive Director, Hasan Ikhrata attends Southern California Leadership Council meetings and regularly brings SCAG Board officers. The annual dues are \$20,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$45,000 for memberships are included in the approved FY 14-15 budget.

REPORT

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

Reviewed by:



Acting Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs

Reviewed by:



Chief Financial Officer

REPORT

DATE: November 18, 2014

TO: Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC)

FROM: Darin Chidsey, Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs, (213)-236-1836,
chidsey@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: 2015 State and Federal Legislative Priorities

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year, the Regional Council adopts legislative priorities for the state and federal legislative session. This report contains staff recommendations of legislative priorities for consideration by the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) which builds upon the priorities adopted for 2014. At SCAG's 5th annual Economic Recovery and Job Creation Summit on December 4, 2014, SCAG will seek additional input from legislative, business, and public sector leaders and, should further legislative priority recommendations arise from the summit, will forward to the LCMC for consideration at its next meeting. Final recommendations of the 2015 state and federal legislative priorities will be forwarded to the Regional Council for consideration at its February 5, 2015 meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 2: Obtain Regional Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Promote Legislative Solutions for Regional Planning Priorities; Objective b) Identify and support legislative initiatives.

BACKGROUND:

Staff makes the following recommendations for LCMC consideration from among the previously adopted 2014 state legislative priorities for adoption in 2015.

STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. **Project Streamlining & Expediting:** Support California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) modernization and process reform to expedite project delivery and promote job creation. Promote design-build, innovative procurement of projects, and Public-Private-Partnerships (P3s) where appropriate for more efficient project delivery.
2. **Financing, Economic Development & Community Reinvestment:** Support legislation to expand use of innovative finance structures to create new opportunities for economic development, community reinvestment and the development of transportation projects and infrastructure investment.

3. **Cap-and-Trade Funding:** Support legislation to equitably distribute revenues from the implementation of the Cap-and-Trade program to transportation improvements and sustainable communities that maximize resources to the SCAG region.
4. **Maintenance of State and Local Roads and Transit Systems:** Support dedicated, secure funding to state highways, streets, and roads to support the maintenance and rehabilitation of the state and local road and transit system.
5. **International Trade and Ports:** Support legislation to increase California exports and prevent the loss of international trade-related jobs in the Southern California region at jeopardy from the expanded investments by East and Gulf Coast Ports and the Panama Canal. Support increased funding for goods movement through the region and, specifically, for the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund to fund project corridor improvements throughout the region and state.
6. **Workforce Development & Education:** Support increased opportunities for workforce development and education, particularly initiatives that focus on regional coordination and investment in education and skills development in the region's top industry clusters.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

7. **Surface Transportation Authorization Legislation:** Support a long term Surface Transportation Authorization bill that includes the recommendations of the Special Panel on 21st Century Freight Transportation including full restoration of the \$2B annual funding to the National Freight Program; findings of the House T&I Committee Special Panel on Public-Private Partnerships to support P3s that are transparent, accountable, and synergistically marry the policy goals of the public sector with the financial needs and expertise of the private sector; build upon the provisions of MAP-21 to continue to improve efficiency of environmental reviews without diminishing the effectiveness of environmental review processes; and continues to support the Transportation Alternatives Program.

ATTACHMENT: None.